

## APPENDIX

The accuracy of UV-Vis absorbances were studied by using two methods. One is to determine the absorbance of a series of solutions of potassium permanganate which contain manganese concentrations in the range 0 to 30 mg/L. Another is by determining the absorbance and the wavelength using the standard cells.

**Table 18** Reading comparison of the absorbance of potassium permanganate and the reference

Concentration of Mn (mg/L)	Measured Abs. at 522 nm	Reference Abs. at 522 nm	Measured Abs. –
			Reference Abs.
5.00	0.21	0.20	0.01
10.00	0.42	0.41	0.01
15.00	0.63	0.63	0.00
20.00	0.83	0.82	0.01
30.00	1.23	1.22	0.01

**Table 19** Reading comparison of the absorbance of standard cells and the reference

Reference absorbance				Measured absorbance			
<b>Ho<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub></b> Glass	<b>NG11</b>	<b>NG5</b>	<b>NG4</b>	<b>Ho<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub></b> Glass	<b>NG11</b>	<b>NG5</b>	<b>NG4</b>
279.25	440	440	440	279.20	440.36	440.36	440.36
	(0.263)	(0.504)	(0.988)		(0.314)	(0.556)	(1.025)
360.85	465	465	465	361.53	465.76	465.76	465.76
	(0.235)	(0.464)	(0.919)		(0.285)	(0.514)	(0.954)
453.50	546	546	546	453.50	546.34	546.34	546.34
	(0.237)	(0.483)	(0.948)		(0.277)	(0.521)	(0.967)
536.25	590	590	590	536.25	590.14	590.14	590.14
	(0.252)	(0.521)	(0.991)		(0.275)	(0.543)	(0.998)
637.35	635	635	635	637.44	635.68	635.68	635.68
	(0.255)	(0.508)	(0.947)		(0.280)	(0.508)	(0.948)

**Table 20** Complex formation of curcumin-metal complexes from three experiments

Complex	Complex formation ( $\log K$ )		
	first	second	third
Curcumin-Hg(II)	4.60	4.27	4.44
Curcumin-Cu(II)	9.83	10.00	9.67
Curcumin-Ni(II)	8.83	8.06	9.08

**Table 21** Formation constants of metal ion complexes of EDTA<sup>4+</sup>

<b>Ion</b>	<b><i>log K</i></b>	<b>Reference</b>
Al <sup>3+</sup>	16.30	<i>Ben Best, 1990</i>
Ba <sup>2+</sup>	7.73	<i>Whitburn, et. al, 1999</i>
Ca <sup>2+</sup>	10.70	<i>Whitburn, et. al, 1999</i>
Cd <sup>2+</sup>	16.62	<i>Whitburn, et. al, 1999</i>
Co <sup>2+</sup>	16.49	<i>Whitburn, et. al, 1999</i>
Cu <sup>2+</sup>	18.86	<i>Whitburn, et. al, 1999</i>
Fe <sup>2+</sup>	14.32	<i>Ben Best, 1990</i>
Fe <sup>3+</sup>	25.10	<i>Ben Best, 1990</i>
Hg <sup>2+</sup>	21.80	<i>Whitburn, et. al, 1999</i>
K <sup>+</sup>	0.80	<i>Ben Best, 1990</i>
Mg <sup>2+</sup>	8.65	<i>Whitburn, et. al, 1999</i>
Mn <sup>2+</sup>	13.95	<i>Whitburn, et. al, 1999</i>
Na <sup>+</sup>	1.66	<i>Ben Best, 1990</i>
Ni <sup>2+</sup>	18.67	<i>Whitburn, et. al, 1999</i>
Pb <sup>2+</sup>	18.30	<i>Whitburn, et. al, 1999</i>
Sr <sup>2+</sup>	8.60	<i>Whitburn, et. al, 1999</i>
Zn <sup>2+</sup>	16.68	<i>Whitburn, et. al, 1999</i>

**Table 22** Stability constants of aqueous complex ions (*Plambeck, 1995*)

<b>Ion</b>	<b>log K</b>
$\text{Ag}(\text{CN})^{2-}$	20.40
$\text{Ag}(\text{NH}_3)^{2+}$	7.22
$\text{AgCl}_2^-$	5.14
$\text{Al}(\text{OH})_4^-$	33.52
$\text{Cd}(\text{CN})_4^{2-}$	18.29
$\text{Cd}(\text{NH}_3)_4^{2+}$	7.44
$\text{Co}(\text{NH}_3)_6^{3+}$	23.13
$\text{Cu}(\text{CN})_3^{2-}$	28.62
$\text{Cu}(\text{CN})_4^{3-}$	33.02
$\text{Cu}(\text{NH}_3)_4^{2+}$	12.36
$\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6^{3-}$	52.61
$\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6^{4-}$	45.62
$\text{Fe}(\text{SCN})_2^+$	2.96
$\text{HgCl}_4^{2-}$	15.12
$\text{Hg}(\text{CN})_4^{2-}$	41.26
$\text{Hg}(\text{SCN})_4^{2-}$	21.70
$\text{HgI}_4^{2-}$	29.75
$\text{Ni}(\text{NH}_3)_6^{2+}$	8.95
$\text{Pb}(\text{OH})_3^-$	13.92
$\text{Zn}(\text{CN})_4^{2-}$	16.76
$\text{Zn}(\text{NH}_3)_4^{2+}$	8.56
$\text{Zn}(\text{OH})_4^{2-}$	15.60